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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION
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FROM: DAVID M. MASON 
COMMISSIONER

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2005

SUBJECT: EX PARTE COMMUNICATION IN AO 2005-10

On Tuesday I received a call from Representative John Doolittle regarding the blue draft of Advisory Opinion 2005-10. He stated that it was unfair that Governor Schwarzenegger can raise unlimited amounts of money in support of the redistricting initiative while those opposing it are stuck with BCRA-imposed limits.

Doolittle indicated that every Republican in the state legislature had voted for the existing redistricting agreement and that Republicans, other than the Governor, generally opposed the redistricting initiative. He believes adoption of the initiative could hurt Republicans. He also believes that commissions, like that proposed in the initiative, do not remove partisanship from the inherently political redistricting process.